

CITT

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

City of Homestead

Commission Chambers

790 North Homestead Boulevard

Homestead, FL

6 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman
Harold Braynon, Jr.
Maureen O'Donnell
Susannah Troner
Hon. Linda Zilber

Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman
Henry L. Givens
Hon. James Reeder
Theodore Wilde

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Exec. Director, OCITT
Ivonne Perez, Account Supervisor
Nya Lake, OCITT
Robert Villar, Office of the Mayor
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Marlene Amaro, OCITT
Maria E. Johnson, OCITT
Julio Brea, Homestead Public Works and Services
Isabel Gonzalez-Jettinghoff, Planning and Economics Group

Nestor Toledo, OCITT
Patty David, OCITT
Joanna Santiago, OCITT
David Tinder, P.E., PWD
Chimene Graham, MDT
Jamal Sexton, NAACP
Lourdes Gomez, MDT
Mayra Bustamante, MDT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With a quorum present, Mr. Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Ms. Zilber moved to approve the agenda of July 27, 2005. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JUNE 29, 2005

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2005, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Jamal Sexton, Chairman, Economic Development, NAACP, informed the Members that he sent a questionnaire out to all the prime contractors. The questionnaire requested companies to find out what are the SBA goals on contracts with Miami-Dade Transit and what are your power values for African American SBA contracts? He requested a list of any non SBA African American contracts. He would like a list showing how many of the company's Board of Directors are African American. For the EEOC categories, what percent of employees are African American? This list was sent out to 10 to 15 companies. Mr. Sexton would like to see the community get the money they deserve. He thanks the CITT for their attention.

Mr. Buoniconti thanked Mayor Roscoe Warren of the City of Homestead and Mayor Otis Wallace of the City of Florida City for attending the meeting and sheared his appreciation of the use of Homestead City Hall.

Mayor Warren recognized the efforts of the CITT and thanked them for all they have done for transportation in Miami-Dade County. Mayor Warren welcomed the CITT to the City of Homestead.

Mayor Otis Wallace informed the CITT of all the recent improvements made to Florida City. He states to the CITT that he got together with Mayor Warren to discuss plans to integrate the City of Homestead with the City of Florida City to create a better system, using the best from both cities. Mayor Wallace is very satisfied with the work being done to improve Florida City and thanked the CITT for coming down south.

Mr. Givens asked Mayor Warren and Mayor Wallace if there was anything in particular that their cities were working on that the CITT can assist with. Mayor Warren stated that the City of Homestead is working on a five-year plan with consultants. Mayor Warren assured the Board that once the plan is completed they will bring it before the CITT for review and assistance in making the plan a reality. Ms. Markowitz commented that Mr. Tinder and she met with the City of Homestead consultants regarding the process. Mr. Givens asked about the time frame. Mr. Julio Brea, Director of Public Works for the City of Homestead, stated that the plan should be completed by September or October 2005. On August 23 and August 25 mission sessions will be held and open to the public to obtain input from the community.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDED A CONTRACT BETWEEN LEON'S ENGINEERING CORPORATION AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT NUMBER 20030008 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project and Financial Review Committee*)

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5A; seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

Mr. Tinder stated that this is a public drainage contract for countywide projects to accomplish small-to-medium size drainage projects. This is a \$1,000,000.00 open contract, and work orders in the range of \$10,000 to \$200,000 a piece will be issued against this contract. Ms. Zilber moved to open for discussion. Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Mr. Given asked where the project will take place. Mr. Tinder informed that the project will take place in various Commission Districts, as they are prioritized through a list of needs.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDED A CONTRACT BETWEEN METRO EXPRESS INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) PROJECT NUMBER 20040403 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project and Financial Review Committee*)

Mr. Moss moved to approve Action Item 5B; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

Mr. Tinder illustrated where the project will be located and explained that it will be done on a larger scale. Mr. Tinder informed the Trust of the steps being taken to ensure minimal inconvenience to residents. Mr. Givens stated that maps were previously requested to view the locations that these projects will be impacting. Ms. Markowitz will obtain the maps that Mr. Givens requested.

- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS (ITEMS 1.1, 1.2), AND AWARD OF BID WAIVERS (ITEMS 1.1, 1.2, 4.2) FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT (DPM) ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project and Financial Review Committee*)

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5C; seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

Mr. Buoniconti would like this item to include the total amounts.

- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ACQUIRE A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3795 NW SOUTH RIVER DRIVE AS PART OF THE MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS METRORAIL CONNECTOR (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project and Financial Review Committee*)

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5D; seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, APPROVING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005
(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project and Financial Review Committee)

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5E; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

- F. Revised By-Laws

Ms. Zilber moved to approve Action Item 5F; seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON - MARC A. BUONICONTI

- Mr. Buoniconti reported that the next BCC/CITT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at 10 a.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers.
- The PTP amendment for additional services passed the second reading. The BCC passed the amendment with a full vote of 11 to 1 on July 7, 2005.
- The Nominating Committee is meeting on August 9, 2005, at 11 a.m. to fill the vacancies in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 13.
- Honorable Carlos A. Manrique decided not to resign from his current position on the Community Council. We are still waiting for an interim appointment from Commissioner Diaz in regards to Lt Col Antonio Colmenares position.
- There is no CITT meeting in August.
- There will be a Project and Financial Review meeting on August 9, 2005, at 9:30am.
- IMG, our financial consultant, conducted interviews and are moving forward with their assignment. Staff is working with them and will keep us posted. We will be meeting with them sometime in August 2005.
- The 90-Day report was distributed and any question can be brought up at the next committee meeting.

Project and Financial Review - Miles Moss

Mr. Moss reports that there is nothing new in Project and Financial Review. They are looking forward to a good year and up coming projects.

Compliance and Oversight – Henry Lee Givens

Mr. Givens stated that the July 26, 2005, Public Involvement Plan Workshop received good attendance by Miami-Dade County employees. However community participation was poor. He is concerned that low attendance will result in, the plan being written by county staff, and that is unacceptable to him. He stated that these are the same departments that previously initiated no action whatsoever on their own, they refuse to get members of the community involved and if they had we wouldn't be having these kinds of conversations about public involvement. He further stated that the community should have a voice in issues that impact their way of life. He suggests that when this Trust is involved in an initiative such as this, it needs to bring in a professional with expertise coming up with a solution to the problem. Mr. Moss thinks that it is great that we had the initiative to help develop the plan, but he doesn't think it is the CITT's responsibility to create the plan. He feels that getting the County Manager to ask the state to pay for a consultant will further delay the plan. Mr. Moss mentioned that it is difficult to consider the concerns of the community when they are not coming out to the meeting or expressing their concerns in writing. Mr. Buoniconti suggested obtaining input from the community by getting neighborhood agendas to talk about the plan. Once we have a draft plan, we can go back to the community for input. Mr. Reeder stated a charrette seems to be a good way to help create the plan. People can work in small groups or via telephone and by mail.

Community Outreach – Mayor Linda Zilber

Ms. Zilber stated that exploring new formats to reach the community while projects are underway is an excellent topic for discussion at Community Outreach Committee meetings.

Mr. Buoniconti mentioned that without a plan (*Public Involvement Plan*) to revise, we have to start somewhere. Chairman Buoniconti inquired if the County Manager was going to supply the Trust with a plan to revise as well as a deadline. Mr. Moss suggested having the Public Works Department approach the community and identify the problems created by project as they occur, and if it is not covered by the plan, then the plan can be modified to cover identified problems.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Markowitz pointed out that she gave Members a copy of the Regional Transportation Committee's (RTC) draft Plan and will send another for the Members to review. The draft will be covered in the August 18, 2005 RTC meeting. Ms. Markowitz reported that Dr. Carlos Bonzon, Yolanda Aguilar, and Thamara Labrousse are on vacation. Ms. Markowitz reminded the Committee that in September we will be having elections of officers. The current By-Laws state that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson can serve for two years. Mr. Buoniconti took over from Representative Cosgrove, and he can be nominated again as Chairperson, but he will have to end his term in May, 2006. Mr. Moss can be nominated again or someone else can be nominated for Vice-Chairperson. The By-Laws state that you can only serve as Chairperson of a Committee for two years. Mr. Givens started in September, 2003 and his term will be up this September. A Chairperson needs to be nominated for the Compliance and Oversight Committee. Ms. Zilber can continue to serve as Chairperson for Community Outreach because she took over at the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Moss may continue to serve as Chairperson for Project and Financial because he took over for Mr. Wilde earlier this year. We will need the nominations 15 days before September 16. Ms. Markowitz stated she will send the Members bullets of everything.

Mr. Givens asked if Mr. Buoniconti could be elected Chairperson two times. Mr. Bruce Libhaber stated that according to the By-Laws, Mr. Buoniconti can be elected Chairperson two times, but he can only serve two consecutive years. Ms. Zilber asked if the Committee can change the word "year" to "term." Mr. Libhaber informed that the By-Laws could be rewritten to effect that change. Mr. Moss would also like to change the word "year" to "term" in the By-Laws. Ms. Markowitz suggests that the Committee make the change now. Mr. Givens mentioned that there is a procedure that needs to be followed to change the By-Laws. Mr. Reeder suggests a correction instead of an amendment. Mr. Moss made the motion to change "two consecutive years" to "two consecutive elected terms." Mr. Libhaber stated that page 2 section D, subparagraph 1 and subparagraph B will now read "shall serve as Chairperson for more then two consecutive elected terms." This also pertains to the Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Moss moved to approve the change in the By-Laws; seconded by Ms. Troner and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Urban Development Boundary – Mr. Theodore Wilde

Mr. Wilde reported on Agenda Item 7-A. He would like the Committee to consider the impact on the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Mr. Wilde asked the Committee to first view the property provided for development to see how much space is available for development that would provide for moderate-income housing, with ready-access to transportation. Mr. Wilde hopes one of the Committees can interject these transportation implications into the upcoming discussions regarding large-scale developments outside the Urban Development Boundary.

Mr. Moss asked Mr. Wilde if he was asking if eventually one of the Committees would make a recommendation as to whether the Trust would support the proposed development and whether the Trust would take a position on that issue. Mr. Moss asked if that is something that we can do since these are going to be heard by other County agencies? Did a County Commissioner pass something saying that people on the County Commission cannot testify at other hearings? Does that apply to us? Mr. Libhaber advised that the Committee would be hard pressed to take a position on any particular development project. But speaking in general, Mr. Libhaber went through the following questions: "Can we expand it or not?" and "What are the long term consequences of that?". "As it relates to the Peoples Transportation Plan, will it increase congestion or decrease congestion?" Does it make it more or less likely to receive federal funding?" Mr. Libhaber stated that it would not be the Committee's place to say if a development should or should not be approved. Mr. Moss suggested that a committee be appointed and request the assistance of other County Departments. Mr. Buoniconti asked to look at the process to see what has been done in the past few months and to keep the CITT updated on the progress. Mr. Buoniconti further requested an update on how the process works and what departments it goes to, so that the CITT can better understand its roll. Then a committee could be appointed to represent the CITT. Mr. Buoniconti would like an update by the September meeting.

Mr. Givens informed that he spoke with the Director in reference to the traffic report from Southwest 17th avenue all the way down to Southwest 344th street. He requested this information regarding the accident by the University of Miami. Due to this accident, a sky bridge and a pedestrian crosswalk is being created. Mr. Givens states that the Committee should create to prioritize pedestrian crossings or sky bridges. People are crossing busy streets to get to the buses, and the Committee needs to provide proper crossing for pedestrians. He feels we need to bring in someone who is a professional in this area. Mr. Givens has concerns about the Inter-Modal Transportation Systems as it relates to South Miami. He would like the CITT to meet with MDT in order to discuss transportation in the center of South Miami, to get to Baptist Hospital, The University of Miami and other places in South Miami.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the next CITT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 3 p.m. TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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